(c) In the Union Budget for 1993-94, several measures have been announced for promotion of the infrastructure sector. These measures include five year tax holiday for private investment in generation & distribution of power, massive increase in Central Plan outlays for infrastructure, reduction of import duty on machinery for power, coal & petroleum refining and on specified raw materials for telecom sector *etc.*

Statement

Progress of Infrastructure Industries during APR-NOV. 1992

Sl. No.	Industry	Unit	April-November	
			1992-93 (Target)	1992-93 (Actual)
1.	Electricity	BU	198.87	195.12
2.	Coal	MT	139.66	135.20
3.	S. Steel	MT	6.65	6.7.3
4.	Crude Petroleum	MT	18.89	18.18
5.	Pet. Refinery PDTS	MT	34.86	35.75
6.	Cement	MT	36.73	35.09
7.	Nitrogeneous Fertilizers	MT	4.95	4.82
8.	Phosphatic Fertilizers	MT	1.82	1.64

BU—Billion Units.
MT—Million Tonnes.

☐ 1276. [*Transferred to 16th March, 1993*].

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Software industry as a small scale industry

1278. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to declare software servicing and data processing, including computer graphics as a small scale industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The *software servicing and data processing in*cluding computer graphics has already been recognized as Small Scale Industry.

(b) These units are registerable as Small Scale Industries and are eligible to avail the benefits available to the Small Scale Industry sector.

package of incentives to small scale sector

1279. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a package of incentives for the small sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) A package of incentives for the small scale sector relates to exemption in excise duty, concessional rate of interest on loans upto Rs. 2 lacs, marketing facility of their products through NSIC and SSIDCs, reservation of items for exclusive manufacture, reservation of items for purchase price preference in purchase from the small scale sector, etc.

Further, a separate package for the promotion of small, tiny and village enterprises has been laid in Parliament on 6th August, 1991. The policy measures which have been implemented relate to enhancement in the investment limit of plant and machinery in respect of tiny units from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs, inclusion of business and industry related services as tiny units, modification in definition of women enterprises, simplification of rules and procedures regarding registration, disbanding of certain committees which existed earlier, issuance of Ordinance entitled "The interest on Delayed *Payments to small Scale and Ancillary* Industrial Undertakings Ordinance, 1992", Equity Participation by other Industrial Undertakings in SSI units upto 24%. The policy measures which are under formulation relate to Limited Partnership Act, Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme for small scale units in rural and backward areas, creation of Modernisation Fund for small scale industries etc.

Surplus staff in PSUs

1280. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 23,000 surplus employees in undertaking under the Heavy Industry Department as reported in the Financial Express, New Delhi of January 14, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details of the surplus staff, category wise in each public sector undertaking; and

(c) what are the details of the schemes under which the Ministry of Industry propose to settle the claims of the surplus staff or to absorb them in other Departments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Delicensing passenger car industry

1281. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to delicense the passenger car industry; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Functions of National Renewal Fund

1282. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level authority headed by Secretary, Industrial Development, has been set up to administer the National Renewal Fund;

(b) if so, what are the precise constitution and functions of the Authority; and

(c) how much of the National Renewal Fund has been spent during the year so far on different schemes, scheme-wise and now much of it is earmarked for 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT.